

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

I. Claims 1-12 and 14, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, a plant expression vector, a transgenic plant cell and a mature transgenic plant;

II. Claim 13, drawn to an isolated protein; and

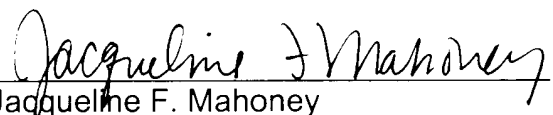
III. Claims 15-20, drawn to a method for producing a transgenic plant line having a decreased response to ethylene.

In response, the Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Non-elected claims 13 and 15-20 have been canceled.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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